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1. The factory for the production of ball and roller bearings is located in Belgrade. The only factory of its kind in Yugoslavia, its output is intended to meet the requirements of Yugoslav industry, particularly those of the airplane engine industry. However, scarcity of machinery and equipment make it impossible to meet the demand.
2. The factory is under the administration and management of the General Directorate of the Federal Industry of Motors, Ministry of Heavy Industry. Engineer Gacic is director. Five hundred workers are employed by the factory, most of them skilled laborers, and the work is in one shift.
3. The factory is equipped with 180 pieces of machinery, including carpenter's benches, shapers, cutting machines, grinding machines, et cetera. States in 1949. The power is obtained from the local electric power station.
4. The factory is closely connected with the Industry of Precision Machinery, and with the Ikarus factory in Zemun and the Motor Industry in Rakovica, as well as with other factories requiring ball bearings. An attempt was made to employ the steel from Bustanj, but this proved impractical because of its Siemens-Martin composition.
5. Internal control and surveillance are exercised by the Industrial Militia and the UDB, and external security is in the hands of the KNOJ.

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